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SUBJECT: LOS: PROTECTION OF WHALES AND OTHER MARINE
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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REVISED AMENDMENT PROPOSAL WITH G. LEGER, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FISHERIES LAW SECTION, LEGAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. IMPORTANCE TO U.S. OF MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE ON MARINE MAMMALS, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF INSURING SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS FOR EVENTUAL RATIFICATION OF AN LOS TREATY, WAS EMPHASIZED.

2. LEGER WAS FAMILIAR WITH U.S. CONCERNS RE: MARINE MAMMALS ARTICLE LANGUAGE AND SAID GOC VIEWS WERE AKIN TO OURS. GOC WAS SUBJECT TO PRESSURE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL AND WILDLIFE GROUPS AS WELL, ALBEIT NOT TO SAME INTENSITY AS U.S. PRESENT ICNT LANGUAGE WAS CLEARLY UNSATISFACTORY, HE SAID, AS IT COULD BE INTERPRETED AGAINST THE INTEREST OF THE COASTAL STATE.

3. LEGER THOUGHT U.S. AND CANADA SHOULD BE ABLE TO
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COLLABORATE ON A SATISFACTORY MODIFICATION OF THE MARINE MAMMAL ARTICLE. AT FIRST GLANCE HE SAW NO PROBLEMS WITH U.S. PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT A PHRASE ALONG THE LINES OF "WITHIN THE AREA OF ITS JURISDICTION" MIGHT BE INSERTED AFTER "COASTAL STATE" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE, IN ORDER TO POINT UP THE LIMITS ON THE STATE'S WRIT. LEGER WILL REVIEW THE U.S. PROPOSAL WITH APPELBAUM. HE

EXPECTED CANADIAN RESPONSE WOULD BE TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY
TO U.S. LOS DELEGATION BY CANADIAN DELEGATION IN NEW
YORK. ENDERS

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